

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

May 2014 Program Schedule

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center is open:
Tues/Thurs/Sat — 9 am to 4 pm
Wed/Fri — 12 to 4 pm

Shelby Bottoms Greenway is open
7 days a week from dawn to dusk.

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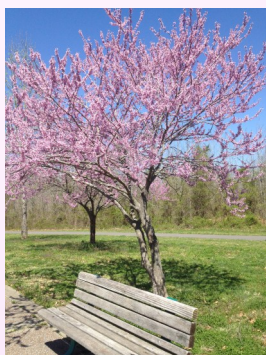


Email: shelbybottomsnature@nashville.gov

Website: www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Nature-Centers-and-Natural-Areas/Shelby-Bottoms-Nature-Center.aspx



Requests for ADA accommodation should be directed to the Nature Center at (615) 862-8539.



Redbuds, Cherry Trees, Dogwoods, Spring Beauties, Henbit, Red Deadnettle and more have been blooming and turning our landscape shades of white to pink.

Southeastern Chorus Frogs, Spring Peepers. Southern Leopard Frogs and Cope's Gray Tree Frogs are calling from every puddle and pond. And the birds have returned from all points south in large numbers now and are singing away and building nests! Spring is here!

Spring brings change to the landscape and so it does for us as well. While we will continue to publish our own program schedule, we will also be combining our

programs with Warner, Bells Bend, and Beaman Park Nature Centers and the Metro Parks Outdoor Recreation Program starting this month. In one place, you will be able to see the whole lineup of nature and recreation programs for the city. In addition, should there be a relevant program on Fort Negley Visitor Center's schedule, you'll get that too! Spring is bringing convenience! So check out our programs... and the others! And sign up for many!

MAY

"daVinci Day" at the Nature Center	Saturday, May 3 12—3 pm All ages No registration	Drop by the nature center to learn more about the "Renaissance Man" known as Leonardo da Vinci. Leonardo was best known as a painter, but had many other talents that lent themselves to shape various aspects of history. We will have some fun interactive stations set up where you can see if you have similar skills such as da Vinci had- Botanist, Geologist, Artist, Inventor, Musician, Cartographer, or Writer!
Cumberland River Paddlefest	Saturday, May 3 9 am—5pm All ages No registration Old Hickory Park	Join Metro Parks and other paddling/outdoor organizations for a fun day on Old Hickory Lake. We will be offering short paddling trips, boat demo, and basic skills clinics as well as discussing our upcoming public paddling trips around the Nashville area. Program will take place at Old Hickory Park.
Disc Golf Family Outing	Saturday, May 10 10:30—11:30 am Ages 6+ years Registration <i>required</i>	Come learn about Disc Golf (rules, equipment, technique) and the new 18 hole course in Shelby Park, located less than a mile from SBNC. Free disc rental for participants. Leader: John Michael Cassidy (JMC)
An Opening Reception for PIECES OF SHELBY	Opening reception: Saturday, May 10 6—8 pm All ages No registration	Originally from Cairo, IL, Barry Noland has been a Nashvillian since 1980. He is self-trained and has been exhibiting since 2003. In 2012, this collection of alternate perspective nature photography in black & white taken at East Nashville's Shelby Park/Shelby Bottoms Greenway was selected by Arts at the Airport to be exhibited at Gate C of the Nashville International Airport during the summer/fall season. This exhibit now comes to Shelby Bottoms Nature Center. Barry states, "I don't typically just take nature "portraits." Rather, I see flora and fauna in the same way I see man-made objects—as elements of a pre-existing abstract work that it's my job to capture and frame within the proper ratio with my camera. However, that's not totally cut and dry: Capturing beauty is my main objective. And sometimes, that requires a more direct approach. You'll see both perspectives in this collection.
By Barry Noland	Exhibit will show for three months	



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Bike Ride: Full "Flower" Moon

Wednesday, May 14
8—9:30(ish) pm
Ages 14+
Registration *required*

Free Bike Rental available if needed. We will ride along the Shelby Bottoms Greenway area and look/listen for active wildlife in the moonlight.
Leader: John Michael Cassidy (JMC)

Bike to Work Day



Friday, May 16
Donelson—5:30 am
Inglewood—6:45 am
Ending at Public Square
at 7:45 am
All ages
Registration requested

Join us for a morning commute to Public Square (7:45 am) and we can help with a bike rental if needed. Free Bagels and Coffee before Mayor Dean addresses Bike Commuters.

Two designated Meet-Up Points will ride through Shelby Bottoms or you could meet us at the Nature Center:

-Donelson @ Stones River Greenway-Kohl's Trailhead-5:30 AM
-Inglewood @ Shelby Bottoms-Cooper Creek (Moss Rose) Trailhead-6:45am

National Endangered Species Day

Friday, May 16
6:30-8 pm
All ages
Registration requested

What's Happening in Our Home State

*Refreshments
will be served*



Join us for a guest lecture on the rare, threatened, and endangered flora and fauna of Tennessee by two of our state's most respected conservation professionals— Bill Reeves, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Chief of Biodiversity and Roger McCoy, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Director of Tennessee Division of Natural Areas. They'll share with us some of the imperiled species of TN, tell us about their departments and funding, and inform us about the laws which protect and the methodologies used to track these rare, threatened, and endangered species in Tennessee. They will also share some insight into what we as citizens can do to preserve and protect our precious flora and fauna, and the landscapes on which they depend. *Refreshments will be served. Time for questions will be allotted.*

Nature Painting: Night Series

Thursday, May 22
6—8 pm
Ages 21+
Registration *required*

Join us for this popular series that allows "big kids" to come to the nature center to let their creative side soar! This class will be led by our special guest, artist Courtney Johnson, as she gives us helpful tips on creating abstract landscapes. Sign up today, this one will fill up fast!
Leader: Courtney Johnson

Wild Animal Babies

Friday, May 23
10-11 am
Ages 3-5 years
Registration *required*

Come learn about spring and all of the wonderful wild animal babies being born or hatched this time of year!
Leader: Sarah Gilmore



Picking and Picnicking

Saturday, May 24
12 noon—2 pm
All ages
Registration requested

Pack your picnic basket and bring a string instrument (if you want to "pick") or just come and relax while enjoying the music! If the weather is bad, we will move the festivities indoors.

Diggin' for worms!



Saturday, May 31
10—11 am
All ages
Registration *required*

Join this summer's seasonal naturalists on our first SUMMER program! (This is the first real week of summer, right??) We'll go digging' around in the mud with shovels and sticks, and our fingers too, to find wriggling' ol' slimy worms! We'll learn about how cool they are too! Wear clothes to get dirty!
Leaders: Sarah Gilmore and Kristen Hay

Local Canoe/Kayak Trip



Saturday, May 31
9 am—1 pm
Registration *required*

Join us for a staff-led paddling trip on a surrounding stream. Our paddling trips are open to all skill levels and are meant to be beginner-friendly. We focus on safety, having fun, and educating participants about the activity/skills and surrounding environment. \$25 per participant: includes boat, gear, and shuttle. Location TBD pending water-levels - Call for Registration Details.



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